

American Citizen Services Consular Section, U.S. Embassy Pristina

Dear U.S. Citizen,

To determine if a child born abroad to a U.S. citizen(s) parent acquires U.S. citizenship at birth, parents should contact the Consular Section as soon as possible after the child's birth. Several documents are required for the issuance of a Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA), which becomes the child's proof of U.S. citizenship.

To apply for a CRBA make an appointment, please click here.

The U.S. citizen parent(s) and the child must appear in person. Please provide the documents and forms listed below and include all names on the appointment request.

- 1.Both original and a copy of the Kosovo birth certificate and birth extract. If the child was born outside of Kosovo you must schedule an appointment at the Embassy in the country of birth.
- 2. Proof of parents' citizenship and identity:

For U.S. citizen parent(s): U.S. passport; or U.S. birth certificate, showing filing date and issuing office's seal; or U.S. Naturalization Certificate; or Consular Report of Birth Abroad.

For foreign parent: valid government issued identity document, including photo and signature

- 3. Parent's marriage certificate (if married): one original and one copy. Translation of certificate is not required if in English. Proof of termination of all previous marriages, if any (divorce or death certificate).
- 4. Applicable forms, photos, fees:
 - Completed **DS-2029**. Do not sign.
 - Completed passport application Form <u>DS-11</u>.Do not sign
 - Complete the form online via the **Online Application Wizard**, or
 - Print form **DS-11** and complete it by hand.
 - Application for Social Security Number. Form <u>SS-5</u>.

 Passport photo, 2"x 2" (5cm x 5 cm), color with white background, taken in the past 6 months.
 - CRBA fee: \$100; Passport fee: \$105. Fees are payable in U.S. Dollars or euros at the Embassy's exchange rate. A combination of Dollars and euros cannot be accepted. All fees are CASH ONLY.
- 5. Provide proof of the **U.S. citizen parent's physical presence in the United States.** May be in the form of old passports, school transcripts (not diplomas), tax, employment, travel, or other records.
- 6. For children born out of wedlock to a U.S. citizen father: Complete form **DS-5507**.
- 7. Evidence of relationship between child and parents, and of relationship between parents. Examples include pregnancy photos, medical birth records, family photos, correspondence, and other printed materials.

Tips for smooth visit to the Consular Section

Please remember not to bring mobile phones or any electronic devices (such as Blackberries, iPods, or smartphones), or food/drinks, as they are not allowed within the Embassy. We also strongly advise that you do not bring large bags, such as backpacks or suitcases to the Embassy as there is no place to store them.

We encourage all U.S. citizens to register with the embassy in order to obtain updated information on local travel and security. To register your visit with the U.S. Embassy in Pristina, please visit: https://step.state.gov.

Best regards,

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